

ATTACHMENT - REMARKS

By this Amendment, the claims have been revised to make all claims allowable and to eliminate the reference numerals used therein. Other minor changes have been made for clarity. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Initially in the *Specification* section of the DETAILED ACTION, the examiner has indicated that applicant "should insert the reference to the prior filed application in the priority chain". If this suggestion is directed to referencing GB priority application No. 0309624.5, such a reference to a non-US application is inappropriate in the specification. If this suggestion is directed to referencing International Stage Application PCT/GB2004/001754 at this location, such a reference is also not appropriate at this location (though it is made with some frequency) as that PCT application is merely the international stage of the present national stage application. In particular, these are not related applications, but the same application only at different stages thereof (and both have the same filing date by which the term of the national stage application will be measured, so the PCT application is not a "prior filed" application). Therefore, unless something else was intended, this objection to the specification is not proper and should be withdrawn.

In the following *Claim Objections* section of the Action, claim 4 was objected to for an inadvertent capitalization. By this Amendment, this error has been corrected.

In the *Claim Rejections* - 35 USC § 112 section, dependent claim 6 was rejected as being indefinite for having an inadvertent period "." therein and constituting two

sentences as noted. By this Amendment, this error has also been corrected so that only one sentence as intended is present.

In the *Claim Rejections* - 35 USC § 103 section, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-3, 9-11, 22 and 24 were all rejected as being obvious over the Pai patent. However, in the following *Allowable Subject Matter* section, it was indicated that dependent claims 4-8, 12-21 and 23 contained allowable subject matter. This indication of allowable subject matter is appreciated.

In response to the indication of allowable subject matter, it will be noted that the following amendments to the claims have been made with the results as indicated below showing that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 1. The allowable subject matter of dependent claim 19 has been added to independent claim 1 to make it allowable. Thus, with claim 1 now allowable, claims 2-3, 20-22 and 24 dependent therefrom are also now allowable.

Claim 4. The allowable subject matter of this dependent claim has now been rewritten in independent form to make independent claim 4 allowable. Thus, with independent claim 4 now allowable, claims 5-8 dependent therefrom are also now allowable.

Claim 23. The allowable subject matter of this dependent claim has now been rewritten in independent form to make independent claim 23 allowable. Thus, with independent claim 23 now allowable, claims 9-19, which by this amendment now are dependent therefrom, are also now allowable.

It will also be noted that independent claim 1, and thus similarly independent claims 4 and 23, have been additionally amended to recite that the flow controller is "separate from the fan" in order to more clearly recite the present invention.

It will further be appreciated that an IDS has been filed concurrently herewith for the examiner's consideration.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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